How Much Will It Cost to Process My Residential Construction Permit?

Fees for construction permits are set by the county fee ordinance each year. They are based on the cost of processing your application. Fees vary depending on the size and type of construction proposed. This brochure gives a general estimate of costs for typical single family residences that do not need special planning, coastal, flood hazard, or other reviews. For a more accurate estimate, or fees for other project types, please call Planning and Building at 805-781-5600 and ask for a Land Use Technician.

Additional Fees

County Public Works (781-5252)	Fee
Drainage & Flood Hazard Review	\$145
Encroachment (onto a County Road)	\$712
Encroachment (bond)	\$1,000
Road Fees	Fee Varies

School Fees	Fee
Paid to the school district in which your project is located. Proof of payment required at time of permit issuance.	\$3.50 per sq. ft. (Approximate for residential development)

Grading Permit (1, 2)	Fee
51 to 1,000 cubic yds.	\$1,308 ⁽³⁾
1,001 to 5,000 cubic yds.	\$1,844 ⁽³⁾
Major Grading with CE/GRE ⁽²⁾	\$2,939 ⁽³⁾
Major Grading with ND ⁽²⁾	\$6,331 ⁽³⁾

- (1) Grading over 50 cubic yards of material requires a grading permit (cut plus fill).
- (2) Major Grading is defined as:
 - grading on slopes greater than 10%, and/or
 - more than 5,000 cubic yards.
- (3) NPDES fees for disturbance > 1 acre add \$1,065 for < 5000 cubic yds or add \$1,665 for > 5,000 cubic yds.

		SINGLE FAMILY HOUSE WITH GARAGE				
Fee Category	Type of Fee	1,500 sf SFD 450 sf Garage 200 sf Porch	2,500 sf SFD 550 sf Garage 200 sf Porch	3,500 sf SFD 650 sf Garage 200 sf Porch	Mobile Home ⁽⁵⁾ 1500 sf	Guest- house ⁽⁶⁾ 600 sf
Building Division	Inspection Fees	\$2,631	\$3,101	\$3,313	\$931	\$1,917
	Plan Check Fee	\$1,894	\$2,104	\$2,417	\$732	\$963
	Well Potability Test (discount if on community water)	\$246	\$246	\$246	\$246	
South County Mitigation Fee	Discount if not in South County Planning Area	\$230	\$230	\$230	\$230	
CWMP	Recycling	\$73	\$73	\$73		\$73
State Fees	SMIP Tax (Earthquake) BSAF (Bldg Standards)	\$34 \$11	\$51 \$16	\$68 \$22	\$9 \$3	\$10 \$4
Planning Division	Plot Plan Review	\$99	\$99	\$99	\$99	\$92
	Addressing	\$109	\$109	\$109	\$109	
Cal Fire	Fire Plan (County Fire Response Area)	\$473	\$473	\$473	\$473	\$473
County	Public Facilities Fees Public Facilities Fees - Fire Component	\$3,641 \$1,380	\$3,641 \$2,300	\$3,641 \$3,220	\$3,641 \$1,380	 \$552
Growth Mgmt	Allotment	\$94	\$94	\$94	\$94	
Public Works	Intake, Review	\$57	\$57	\$57	\$57	\$57
Estimated Fees *		* \$10,906	* \$12,527	* \$13,996	* \$8,011	* \$4,144
	Estimated deposit due when submitting application	\$2,600	\$2,900	\$3,400	\$2,600	\$1,000

⁽⁵⁾ Pre-1976 mobile homes also require a Minor Use Permit. The fee is \$2,205 and requires a hearing that takes approx. 4 to 6 months to process.

⁽⁶⁾ No kitchen/laundry.

^{*}Approximate permit cost is for all Planning, Building Plan Review, Inspection, Public Works Review and Fire Agency reviews. Projects in different areas of the County may be subject to other fees specific only to that area or district.

Other Costs

Water and Sewer Hook-up	Fee
Check with your Community Service District for water and	Fees vary by CSD. May be up to, or
sewer hook-up fees.	exceed, \$20,000.

Water Use Offset Fees

Nipomo Mesa (NMWCA)	Cost
Single Family Dwelling	\$4,440
Secondary	\$2,220
Guest House	\$746

Paso Robles (PRGWB)	Cost	
Single Family Dwelling	\$4,854	
Secondary	\$2,427	
Guest House	\$809	

Estimates For Residential Accessory Permits

	Square		
Structure	Footage	*Approx. Cost	
Carport (no elect	rical)		
	up to 420 sf	\$638	
Barn/Garage (no	electrical or plu	mbing)	
	499 sf	\$1,103	
Barn/Garage (inc	ludes electrical a	& plumbing)	
	499 sf	\$1,429	
	1,000 sf	\$1,981	
3,000 sf		\$2,224	
	5,000 sf	\$3,874	
Pre-Manufacture	Pre-Manufactured Ag Building (no elect or plumb)		
	1,000 sf	\$1,582	
	3,000 sf	\$1,825	
	5,000 sf	\$3,730	
Decks (no electrical)			
	499 sf	\$705	
1,000 sf		\$1,088	
Covered Porch or Patio (no electrical)			
	499 sf	\$639	
	1,000 sf	\$1,189	

ePermit and Over the Counter Costs Save money by getting your permit online!

(Online permits are restricted to CA Licensed Contractors only and only in zones classified RMF, RR, RS, and RSF.)

Repair Type	ePermit	Over the Counter
Interior Drain Repair	\$114	\$222
Exterior Sewer Lateral Repair	\$114	\$222
Water Heater Replacement	\$114	\$202
Water Piping Repair or Replacement	\$114	\$222
Electrical Panel Replacement (200 Amps Max)	\$248	\$356
Forced Air Heating/Air Conditioning Unit Replacement	\$114	\$202
Add or Repair Lighting, Switches, and Receptacles	\$181	\$289
Finish Repair, Residing, Plastering, for Interior and Exterior Walls	\$181	\$336
Residential Photovoltaic System (2 strings max)	\$181	n/a

This guide is designed to provide general information only. It is not a county ordinance or policy and has no legal effect. The county fee ordinance determines the actual cost of processing applications.

If you have questions about your fees, please call (805)781-5600 and ask for a Land Use Tech.

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